(d) whether Government propose to introduce a new pension scheme for fresh recruits into the Civil Services; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) The increase in Government's pension bill in respect of Central Government employees during the period 1990-91 to 2001 -2002 is over Rs. 18000 crores.

(b) Given the present trend there is a possibility that the number of pensioners will be considerably enhanced.

(c) to (e) Government has proposed to introduce a defined contribution pension scheme for new entrants to Government service, (except the armed forces). Contribution will be shared equally in the case of Government employees, between the Government and the employees. The new pension scheme is proposed to be regulated through a new and independent Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority.

Central Government employees in Karnataka

2480. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of employees working various Central Government offices in Karnataka;

(b) how many posts in class 'C' and 'D' groups are vacant in these offices; and

(c) the steps taken to fill up these posts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) and (b) The data is not centrally maintained.

(c) Action to fill up posts is taken by the concerned administrative ministries.